

THE ELK RIVER BOOM.

Told by the Manager of the Boom Company.
The Boom Claimed to be Not the Un-
mixed Evil it Has Been Represented.
Facts About the Lumber Trade.

Major Edford, Manager of the Elk River Boom Company, and a large stockholder in the concern, met an INTELLIGENCER reporter yesterday, and told him his story of the movement to repeal the exclusive clause of his company's charter. Major Bradford says that in the first place there is not one dollar of the stock of the company owned in Pennsylvania, or outside of Charleston. The bill now pending in the Legislature, if passed, he

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He says there is now no timber cut on the main stream, the forests all having been cleared; but all the timber that is floated on the stream is cut up on the tributaries. Forty or fifty people are engaged in lumbering in the section covered by the company's franchise. Each man guards his logs with his trade mark and

They are all floated down on the periodic freshets. Generally the ends of the logs become covered with mud, and to fish them out and ascertain whose property they are is no easy work. If each man were to do this for himself at booms scattered along the stream inextricable confusion would arise and no man's logs would be secure.

"This bill," continued Major Bradford, "is not asked for by the lumbermen of the country. It is in the interest of parties who have little sawmills along the streams.

"Now just think," he went on, "there are usually about four rises a year in the Yukon. The logs can be floated out in about 100 to 150 days, come out annually. Of these, one concern, Chisler, buys and cuts about 30,000; and there are eleven others which take the other 70,000. You see how impossible it would be for the people to do their own booming. These 100,000 logs, if floated out in rafts, an average of 25,000 on each—freshet, would require 500 rafts each time, and these would take four men each—a force of 2,000 men

"Our company would willingly build poons along the stream if they were demanded, but they are not. The people up here prefer to raft around the boons, and we would get no toll."

"As to the idea that the Legislature derived the people of the franchises and conferred them on the company," continued the Major, "that is erroneous. The franchises were created by the act which incorporated the company. Previous to that time no person had a right to boom on Elk. We charge \$1.50 per hour."

"This assault upon us reminds me, by the spirit which actuates it, of a different kind of an occurrence which happened down there some time ago. Below our place, I took a look at the property of the Pennsylvania syndicate of which Cameron was the head. It caused a slack-water pool nine miles long, on which a steamboat could run, and which was a fine stage for our boom. Mr. Mollanbaker, of Charleston, and I went to Pennsylvania trying to buy the dam and perfect it when a mob, many of the members having no interest whatever in navigation, tore out about a hundred feet of the dam, and the boom was

as actually indicated for taking part in that mob, and one of its ringleaders sat on the grand jury which indicted me! I am not going to sit on the grand jury, I am assured, "what view is taken of this by some of the people affected, here is a letter from Charleston, in the interest of one of the largest lumber bills there, asking a representative of the House to exert all his influence to defeat the bill." I am told Mr. Morrison, as its passage would gravely and injuriously affect the lumber interest in Charleston, the construction of other dams in creeks entering the Elk retardation is destined for Charleston at least as fresh.

"Here is another letter, from a large lumber firm, which says: 'The passage of this bill would eventually prove the

"Here is a still stronger letter, from the largest lumber firm of Charleston, showing from the history of the business, there that it owes its existence, almost, certainly, to the great quantities of lumber

Terrific Dynamite Explosion.
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA., Feb. 24.—A disastrous accident occurred here to-day through an explosion of dynamite. Large quantities of the explosive are used in blasting granite in Stone Mountain.
A drill was made this afternoon, into which the explosive was placed, with fuse and detonator attached. The fuse was ignited. For some cause the dynamite failed to explode, when Ed Holmes, helper Hamilton and Wylie Law were near to clear out the drill. They had no time to retreat, and were hurled in all directions, when a terrific explosion was heard, the men scattering in all directions. It was fully believed that the

men were killed, but they were found alive, though terribly mutilated. The deadly explosive had blown the rock away from under their feet, leaving them on the spot where they first stood. Hamilton gives a thrilling account of his sensations as the three men stood in the smoke, with huge piles of granite flying up into the air from about their feet. Holmes has met his eyesight, and will die, while it is probable that the other two will live.

An Offensive Breath.

most distressing, not only to the person afflicted if he has any pride, but those with whom he comes in contact. It is a delicate matter to speak of, but it has parted not only friends but lovers. Bad breath and catarrh are inseparable. Dr. Sago's Catarrh Kennedy cures the worst cases, as thousands can testify.

The Mardi Gras Carnival at New Orleans.

On Tuesday last, February 10th, the close of the Carnival festivities was unprecedented. Over 200,000 thousands from all portions of the world to witness the fireworks, after witnessing the ceremony of the drawing, and gave loud-voiced approval of the honesty of the 177th Grand Potentially Drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery, under the exclusive management of General G. T. Gilman, of Louisiana, and Jubal A. Early, of Virginia. Some \$292,500 was scattered about. It will all be over again on March 10th, of which M. A. Dauphin, of New Orleans, La., will inform you on application to him. **DAW**

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